

*Stated Meeting, March 5, 1886.*

Present, 22 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. I. Minis Hays, Dr. John W. Holland and Mr. Inman Horner, newly-elected members, were present and took their seats.

Donations were announced from Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Wien; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, München; Astronomische Nachrichten, Kiel; Zoölogischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; Academie Royale de Belgique; Société Americaine de France and Institution Ethnographique, Paris; Royal Society, Meteorological Council, Royal Astronomical Society, and "Nature," London; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston; American Journal of Science, New Haven; American Chemical Society, and the publisher of "The Forum," New York; Hon. Thomas H. Dudley, Camden, N. J.; Academy of Natural Sciences; Mercantile Library; publishers of the American Naturalist; Messrs. William Dennis Marks, William S. Auchincloss, Samuel Wagner, Henry Phillips, Jr., and Hon. Richard Vaux, Philadelphia; Mr. Waters S. Chillson, Palo Alto, Penna.; Mr. H. B. Plumb, Peely, Penna.; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Chemical Society, Bureau of Education, Census Office and United States Geological Survey, Washington; State Historical Society, Iowa, and University of California.

Letters were read from the Laboratory of Natural History and Biology of Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, requesting exchanges, which, on motion, was so ordered, to begin with No. 121 of the Proceedings; from Rev. T. P. Hughes requesting the subscription of the Society to his Dictionary of Islam.

Letters accepting membership were read from Lieut. J. B. Murdock, U. S. Navy (Norfolk, Va., Feb. 27th, 1886); Dr. H. A. Hagan (Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26th, 1886); Robert N.

Toppan (Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 22, 1886); Lieut. A. B. Wyckoff, U. S. Navy (Philadelphia, Feb. 24th, 1886); Dr. Charles A. Oliver (Philadelphia, Feb. 20th, 1886); Dr. I. Minis Hays (Philadelphia, Feb. 20th, 1886); Dr. J. W. Holland (Philadelphia, Feb. 24th, 1886); Dr. John H. Brinton (Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 1886); Inman Horner (Philadelphia, March 2, 1886).

Letters of envoy were read from the U. S. Geological Survey; Wm. S. Auchincloss, C. E., Philadelphia.

Letters of acknowledgment were read from Observatorio Nacional, Mexico (Proceedings 120); Statistical Society, London (Proceedings 119); Société de Physique et Histoire Naturelle de Geneva (Proceedings 115, 116); Maryland Historical Society (Proceedings 121).

The Committee on Prof. Cope's paper was, on motion, continued.

Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., presented an alphabetical list of the living members of the Society which he had been requested to prepare by the Board of Officers and Council.

The Treasurer presented the report of the Trustees of the Building Fund.

The Special Committee appointed on February 5, 1886, "to revise the work of the Society, and to examine into its condition, and to suggest, what, if any, measures are necessary to increase its efficiency," made a report, which, after discussion, on motion of Mr. McKean was referred to the Board of Officers and Council for its consideration, and, on motion, the committee was discharged.

Pending nominations Nos. 1078, 1079, 1080 and 1081 were read.

New nominations Nos. 1082-1103 were read.

The rough minutes were read, and the meeting was adjourned by the President.